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DEPARTMENT OF FOREST, ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

NOTIFICATION

No: 156/GOS/FEWMD/Pr.Secy-PCCF

Dated: 30/11/2017

The State Government is hereby pleased to make the following amendment in the notification number 169/GOS/FEWMD/PR.SECY-PCCF dated 03/10/2015, published in Extraordinary Gazette number 388 dated 13th October, 2015, namely:-

1. In the said notification, for clause 2 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"2. Revenue Collection for Local Trust Fund

- (1) The tourism receipts and penalties collected in a protected area shall be deposited in the Forest Development Agency account of respective divisions as Local Trust Fund.
- (2) A separate cash account register is to be maintained by the divisions for the income and expenditure of the local trust fund.
- (3) The Local Trust Fund will be operated by the Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Member Secretary and President.
- (4) The fund collected shall be appropriated in the ratio of 60:20:20, wherein 60% shall be utilized for the community benefits, 20% for government revenue and 20% for park management.
- (5) The President of the concerned Eco Development Committee and Member Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the 60% of local trust fund and submission of annual audit reports from a statutory auditor to the Divisional Forest Officer, Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)-cum-Chairman and to be forwarded to the Chief Wildlife Warden and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests cum Secretary of the Forest Department.
- (6) The Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) shall be responsible for the management of 20% of local trust fund for park management and development activity.

- (7) The Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) shall be responsible for deposit of 20% of fund collected as government revenue within 15th of succeeding month.
- (8) The Member Secretary shall submit the progress report on fund flow on quarterly basis to the Division office.
- (9) The fund flow details of the Local Trust Fund shall be monitored on the quarterly basis by the Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)-cum-Chairman.
- (10) The State Government may, if it so considers necessary, exclude any special project site within any protected area from the provisions of setting up of Local Trust Fund."

2. In the said notification, for clause 4 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"4. Powers

The administrative approval of the proposed work programme shall be obtained from the Chief Wildlife Warden whereas the fund shall be sanctioned by the Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) as per the approved work programme."

By order and in the name of the Governor.

**Dr. Thomas Chandy, IFS
Principal Secretary-cum-PCCF**